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## A GREAT CONVENTION.

### Resume of the Work and Result of Great New Orleans Cotton Convention.

A great many people throughout the state seem to be anxious to ascertain just what was accomplished at the cotton convention in New Orleans last week. Therefore it is probable a resume of what was accomplished at the convention would be of interest to many of your readers.

I have attended a great many conventions, but I have never seen groups of men further apart than at the beginning of the cotton convention, neither have I ever seen more earnestly desirous of amalgamating the views and of doing the thing that was best for the cotton belt; and before the convention adjourned, the delegates were a unit on every question.

The reports of the several committees were adopted without a dissenting voice. The permanent organization of the American or Central Cotton association was effected. The plans for launching the hundred million dollar exporting and financing corporation were worked out and adopted by the convention. The plans submitted by the committee on banking, Mr. R. G. Rhett of Charleston, S. C. chairman, was adopted by the convention and referred to the American Cotton association to work out the details. The board of directors of the American Cotton association referred it to a very strong committee consisting of Mr. Kemp of Texas, Mr. Rhett of Charleston, the president of the association and two others. This committee will work out the details and prepare the terms to be incorporated in the charter and submit same to the executive committee for its approval. Plans were prepared for more thoroughly organizing the State Cotton associations.

The committee on crop report made a most excellent report, and I am thoroughly convinced that the report of this committee is as accurate, or more accurate, than any report that has ever been submitted on cotton acreage.

### American or Central Cotton Association.

The membership of the Central association will consist of the State Cotton association. The Central association will be maintained by the dues received from the State associations, based on cotton production in each state, probably 1-2c per bale will be the dues to January 1, 1921, and 1c per bale per annum thereafter.

The association will be controlled or managed by a board of directors elected by the state organizations; a director at large from each cotton state and one for every 500,000 bales and majority fraction, of cotton produced. The board of directors elects officers and an executive committee. The executive committee will have the power to establish offices in all of the cotton consuming countries of the world for the purpose of ascertaining the supply and demand for cotton, probable consumption, number of spindles in operation, and number of spindles idle, etc. The offices will be in charge of experts in that line. The information gleaned will be sent to the central organization, and the central organization will send out bulletins to the state associations, who will send bulletins to every member.

The state organizations will make monthly reports to the central organization as to number of acres planted in cotton, and condition of crops during growing season. The central association will tabulate the reports from all the states, send a bulletin to each state organization as the report of the entire cotton belt. This information will be furnished every member. The central organization will advise the state associations as to whether the apparent supply is greater than the apparent demand, and if it appears that the supply is greater, an estimate will be made of the amount necessary to reduce production, and if the demand appears to be greater than the supply, the members will be advised as to the percent of increase the trade will stand.

### The State Associations.

All of the cotton producing states will, in a short time, launch membership campaigns. It is necessary to have every cotton producing state thoroughly organized. The Central association cannot be made stronger than the weakest organization in one of the larger cotton producing states. "A chain is no stronger than its weakest link".

The present state organization will appoint the county and township officials, of the county branches, to serve the balance of 1919. In January 1920, the members of the State association, in each township, community, or subdivision of the county that is used, will elect three members of the county board of control, at least one of whom shall be a farmer. The county board of control elected by the townships, will elect a county board of directors, consisting of fifteen, at least five of whom shall be farmers, an executive committee, consisting of 45 members, and a president, vice president, and secretary treasurer. The board of control will also elect three members, at least one of whom shall be farmer, of the state board of control. The state board of control will elect the board of directors. The board of directors will elect officers, consisting of a president, first vice-president, second vice-president-manager, and secretary treasurer, and an executive committee, the executive committee will control the affairs of the state organization while the board of directors is in recess. By having the same number of members in the state board of control from each county, instead of basing the representation on the cotton produced in the counties, will prevent the possibility of a group of counties having such a large representation on the board, that they will be able to control the affairs of the association. Under the proposed plan, each county will have a fair show.

The three members of the county board of control from each township in the counties, will make monthly reports to the county secretary, first, as to the condition for planting, weather conditions, etc., during the planting season, and the exact number of acres planted in each township. By having three members of the board of control in each township, the work ascertaining the number of acres planted will be comparatively easy, because each member will have a certain number of farmers to see, and it is probable can cover the territory in one day. The report is made to the county secretary, who tabulates it, sends it in to the office of the state association, the state association tabulates the returns from all the counties, forwards it to the Central association. The Central association tabulates the returns from all the states sends out bulletins to each state, showing the exact number of acres planted to cotton in the cotton belt. Monthly reports will be made as to condition of the crop during the growing season. This information will also be sent to the state organizations, and copies of same mailed to every member of the state associations.

The success of the campaign for membership will rest upon the shoulders of the county officials, and the township members of the board of control. The campaign will be set up by a first class organizer, and the township members of the board of control will be authorized to appoint committees to aid them in the membership campaign. It will be launched on a certain date, and finished in one day.

The dues to the State association for the balance of this year and 1920 will probably be, for farmers 15c per bale of cotton produced in 1918, and for merchants, bankers, manufacturers, etc., 15c per thousand dollars on their capital stock. Professional men, such as doctors, lawyers, etc., \$3.00 per annum. Subsequently yearly dues will probably not exceed 10c per bale for farmers and 10c per thousand dollars for merchants, bankers, etc. This will include the amount due by the State associations to the Central association.

I am inclined to believe at least 95% of the farmers, merchants, bankers, and manufacturers will join the

State association. It will cost the state associations and the Central association probably a million to a million and a quarter dollars, to get up and furnish each member monthly statistics. Therefore a farmer who produces only 10 bales of cotton, and pays annual dues of \$1.00, gets information that costs one million and a quarter dollars for \$1.

Some of the members of the association are inclined to believe that the organization was instrumental in forcing cotton up at least \$30.00 per bale. I am satisfied myself that it is responsible for an increase of at least \$20.00 a bale, and any farmer who produced 10 bales of cotton and has it on hand now, can get \$200.00 more for the 10 bales than he could have gotten if the association has not been organized, and this amount will pay his annual dues to the association for 200 years.

If all of the states are thoroughly organized, and the Financing, Warehousing, and Marketing corporation is launched, cotton will never again sell for less than cost of production.

The merchants, bankers and manufacturers are as deeply interested in keeping the price of cotton above the cost of production as the farmers themselves. Our economic structure is composed of three elements, agriculture, finance and commerce. One cannot succeed without the other. The success of one means the success of all.

B. F. McLeod.

## HAWKER AND GRIEVE RESCUED FROM THE SEA.

They Were Picked Up From Mid-Atlantic by the Mary on Her Way From Norfolk. Machine Trouble Prevented Landing—Were in the Water 90 Minutes.

London, May 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—Missing for 6 days, and virtually given up for lost, Harry O. Hawker and his navigator, Lieut. Commander Mackenzie Grieve, British aviators, who essayed a flight across the Atlantic ocean without protection against disaster save what their frail airplane afforded, are safe tonight aboard a British warship off the Orkneys. Tomorrow they will reach the mainland and proceed to London, where they will be acclaimed as men returned to life.

Some 1,100 miles out from New Foundland and 800 from the Irish coast on Monday, May 19, the aviators, making the best of an engine which was failing to function properly, were forced to land on the water. The little Danish steamer Mary, bound from New Orleans and Norfolk for Aarhus, Denmark, picked the wayfarers up and continued on her northward voyage.

### Ship Had No Wireless.

Lacking a wireless outfit, the captain of the steamer was obliged to withhold the good tidings of the rescue until he was opposite Butt of Lewis, where the information was signaled by means of flags that Hawker and Grieve were aboard his ship.

Immediately word was flashed to the British admiralty, which sent out destroyers to overtake the Danish vessel and obtain confirmation. This was done and one of the destroyers took the airmen off and later transferred them to the flagship Revenge.

From this safe haven Hawker sent a message tonight that his machine had stopped owing to the blocking of the water circulation system.

## THE WINTHROP SUMMER SCHOOL BULLETINS

Are now ready, and any teacher who wishes one should write to the college at once. Preparations have been completed for the opening of the summer school on June 17. The excellent faculty, the number and character of the various attractions, the location and equipment of Winthrop all combine to make this one of the most attractive summer schools in the South. In addition to the lectures and recitals, over twenty high class motion pictures have been secured.

A conference of all the county superintendents of education in the state will be held June 23-28.

The short course for the club women of the state, now a regular feature of the Winthrop Summer school, will be given July 7-18.

## NEWS OF PROSPERITY.

### Commencement to Begin Friday.—Personal and Other Happenings.

Prosperity, May 26.—Commencement of the Prosperity high and graded school will begin Friday, May 30, with a May Pageant which will be enacted on the school grounds at 6:30 in the afternoon. This pageant is given in honor of the 7th grade who are leaving the grammar school to enter the high school. The special feature of the pageant will be crowning of the May Queen, Miss Rebecca Harmon, who won this honor by having made the highest average in her class. The program will show for itself that this May pageant will be one of the best celebrations ever pulled off in Newberry county.

I. Entrance of the nations to witness the May-day festivities and crowning of the queen: England, France, China, Japan, United States.

II. Butterflies and dragon flies in May-Pole dance.

III. Flower bearers and elves.

IV. Fairies in May-Pole dance.

V. Dance of the Brownies.

VI. Mother Goose children in May-Pole dance.

VII. Cinderella with step-mother and sisters, God-mother, prince and attendants.

VIII. Shepherdess drill.

IX. Herald of Aurora and dance of the nymphs.

X. Entrance of the queen and party.

XI. Crowning of the queen and "All Hail Her" chorus.

XII. Departure of the nations and merry makers.

Sunday, 11:30 baccalaureate sermon at Grace Lutheran church by Dr. H. A. McCullough.

Monday night, 9 o'clock, graduating exercises. The first honor of the class has been won by Horace Hunter. The second honor by Lindsey Boozer.

Class roll—Mabel McWaters, Ruth Cannon, Annie Mae Gibson, Ruth Mayer, Louise Mayer, Alice Dominick, Ruby Harman, Hattie Bell Lester, Horace Hunter, Heyward Singler, Bernard Stone, Ernest Brooks, Lindsey Boozer.

Hon. J. J. McSwain of Greenville, S. C., will deliver the literary address on Monday night.

Mrs. G. Y. Hunter has returned to the Columbia hospital for treatment.

Mrs. W. F. Adams, Mrs. C. S. Schumpert and Miss Mollie Harman spent several days last week in Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Wicker, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Counts and Mrs. Joe Sits motored to Clinton Sunday.

Mrs. J. B. Bedenbaugh of Pomaria is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. M. Weris.

Miss Moss Fellers who graduates at Winthrop this session has been offered the position of assistant chemistry teacher of Winthrop college.

Clerk of Court, Mr. John C. Gogans, was in town on Tuesday.

Mrs. L. W. Harmon has returned from a short stay to Columbia.

Rev. H. A. McCullough has returned to Columbia after a visit to his mother.

Misses Eula Joiner and Annie Singler were shoppers to Columbia on Wednesday.

Mrs. Brooks Epting of Columbia visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bedenbaugh during the past week.

Mrs. Pretlo Otey and little son of Sumter are the guests of Miss Jean Adams.

Mrs. J. C. Taylor moved on Thursday to Batesburg, her future home.

Mrs. J. P. Wheeler has returned from a visit to Mrs. Henry Parr of Newberry.

Mrs. Olin Bobb is home after having been in the Baptist hospital where she had her tonsils removed.

Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Shealy left Wednesday for Columbia, their future home.

Mrs. Nannie Wheeler is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. H. Rikard of Newberry.

Miss Anderson, who has been visiting Miss Mary DeWalt Hunter, left Tuesday for Columbia to nurse Mrs. G. Y. Hunter while she is in the hospital.

her mother, Mrs. Rosa Lester, has returned to Columbia where she will resume her work as a trained nurse.

Messrs. J. D. Quattlebaum and Joe B. Hartman spent Thursday in Saluda county, where Mr. Quattlebaum sold another Chevrolet car.

On Wednesday morning the pupils of the Prosperity high school were pleased to have with them James C. Kinard, professor of Chemistry of Newberry college, who lectured on the value of education. Mr. Kinard is chairman of the Salvation Army drive for Newberry county and the students through the superintendent, Miss Mayme Swittenberg, gave \$45 to this worthy cause.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Wessinger of Leesville were shoppers to our town on Wednesday.

Mr. Lee Bradley has returned to John Hopkins hospital, Baltimore for an operation.

L. McFall Wise's many friends will be pleased to hear that he is improving and hopes to be able to return home in a few days from the Columbia hospital.

Mrs. Sarah Black, matron at the Lutheran seminary, Columbia, is spending her vacation with her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Price.

Thursday afternoon Master Ray Bedenbaugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maxey Bedenbaugh, fell off of a wagon of oats and his leg was broken between the knee and hip. Dr. Bedenbaugh was called and immediately set the leg but advised his parents to have an X-ray made. The little patient was taken to Columbia Friday to Dr. Gibbs for the X-ray.

Among the shoppers to Columbia Friday was Miss Katie Mae Nance. Miss Clara Brown has as her guest for the week-end, Miss Statia Phillips of Enores.

Mr. George M. Epting is the proud owner of the very popular Grant 6. Mrs. J. C. Schumpert, Misses Ethel Counts and Lucy Lake have returned from a short visit to Miss Lucile Counts of Sighs.

F. N. Calmes, a native of Prosperity has received a Mexican service medal which he was given for service rendered at the capture of Vera Cruz, April 1914. He was one of the first who was shot down, serving at the time on the U. S. S. "South Carolina".

The 9th and 10th grades of the Prosperity high school had a most delightful outing Friday afternoon when they motored to McNary's ferry on a moon-light picnic.

Mrs. J. L. Wise is spending a few days in Columbia.

Mrs. Carlisle Bedenbaugh and little Miss Emily are visiting in Greenville.

Mrs. J. S. Bedenbaugh has returned from a visit to her parents in Richland county.

Mrs. M. C. Morris spent the week-end in Columbia.

Miss Myrtle Lester left Saturday for a visit to her sister in Columbia.

Mrs. O. B. Simpson visited relatives in Newberry Friday.

Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Voigt and Miss Caroline Voigt of Columbia were the week-end guests of Mrs. Chas. J. Shealy.

Mrs. O. S. Miller and children have returned from a six weeks' stay to Mrs. Miller's father in Temple, Okla.

Married Saturday afternoon at the Lutheran parsonage by Rev. Chas. J. Shealy, Miss Ida Dukes and Mr. Emette Counts of Newberry.

Mrs. Lee Sligh of Columbia is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Fellers.

Among the week-end visitors to our town were Messrs. John Webb of Chappells, B. M. Scurry of Newberry, Wm. Tallavast of Greenville and J. T. Shirer of Chicago. The question is—what are these young men here for?

Mrs. R. L. Lewie of Newberry visited Miss Lola Bedenbaugh during the past week.

Mrs. P. D. Odell of Whitmire is visiting at the home of Mr. A. L. Bedenbaugh.

Miss Elizabeth McWaters of Columbia was home for the week-end.

Mrs. Hood returned to her home in Winsboro Saturday, after an extended visit to her daughter, Mrs. Lindsey Fellers.

Mr. E. E. Hartman of Reading, Pa., representative of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Washington, D. C., spent the week-end in Prosperity.

## ON TO BERLIN IF HUNS FAIL TO SIGN TERMS

### Allied Armies Prepared to Advance Should It Be Necessary for Foch to Give the Command.

By the Associated Press. Opposition continues in Germany to the signing of the peace treaty, while everywhere in the zone of occupation the Allied and American troops are ready to advance into the former empire if this step should become necessary. Large numbers of American motor trucks have been moved into the occupied area, east of the Rhine for use in an emergency.

American military officers have warned the burgomasters in the territory controlled by the Americans that they will be held responsible for acts of violence against American troops or attempts to destroy American property. It is reported that recently the Germans have shown considerable arrogance toward the American troops.

### Marking Time.

While time is virtually being marked by the peace congress at Versailles with regard to Germany, with the Allied and associated powers awaiting the coming of next Thursday, when the Germans are to make known their answer to the Allied demands for peace, the council of four daily is at work deciding questions which have arisen through the presentation of notes by the German plenipotentiaries.

### Protests by Huns.

Protests against the Sarre Valley award and the question of reparations by Germany were discussed by the council Thursday, and a reply was returned to Versailles by the Allies to the note dealing with the repatriation of German war prisoners. Indications are that German prisoners guilty of crimes will be held for trial and punished.

Prior to the receipt of the German reply, it is expected that the Austrians will be handed the peace treaty the year expected to sign. The belief in Paris is that this will occur early next week. Meanwhile the Turkish and Bulgarian peace delegates have arrived in Switzerland, where they are awaiting a summons to France by the peace congress.

### More Trouble with Italy.

There has been some friction in the council of four owing to the Italians having recently landed troops in Asiatic Turkey without notice to the Allies. The United States and Great Britain and France have requested of Italy the reason for this move.

During a session of the council, which was attended by the Greek premier, M. Venizelos, Signor Orlando, Italian premier, entered and was asked by President Wilson if his reply was ready. Orlando demanded the withdrawal of Venizelos before he replied, notwithstanding the insistence of President Wilson that the Greek diplomat remain. Venizelos finally withdrew and the council later expressed its regret to him.

Word has reached M. Clemenceau, president of the peace conference, from the Sinn Fein leaders in Ireland that Ireland desires recognition and that she will decline to be bound by agreements affecting her entered into by the British delegates.

### Card of Thanks.

We extend to our relatives and friends our heartfelt thanks for their kindness and sympathy shown us during our sad bereavement of the sudden death of our dear wife and mother. May God bless them all for their goodness.

L. A. Sheely and children.

### Meeting of Rural Carriers.

The rural carriers for Newberry county will meet in the court house at Newberry on Friday, May 30 at 11 o'clock. It is earnestly hoped that every carrier in the county will be present at this meeting.

W. G. Peterson, Secty.

### Card of Thanks.

We take this method of thanking the many friends who so willingly and with sympathetic hearts rendered service to us at the death of our dear wife and mother. Also to all those who gave floral tribute at the grave. May God bless each and every one of you.

Irenius Epting and family.